

TARTARS MISS WIN AGAINST SAILORS

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Random Ramblings

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Past week wasn't too red-hot for Torrance. On the varsity basketball side at any rate.

The North High combo was dropped, rather rudely, from the Paramount Tournament with a pair of losses, while Torrance managed to beat Compton, for the third time this season, but lost to Newport Beach Friday night.

Up north the varsity five started like they were going to do all right for themselves, but now are on the short end of a 2-5 record. Even so, the Saxons are undefeated on the home court. Both of the wins were earned in their only home appearance.

Rebounds killed the Tartars in their quest for their seventh win of the season, at Newport Friday. The locals nabbed but 10 defensive rebounds to the opposition's 21.

Missed free throws didn't help any either. The Torrance outfit hit for six out of 12 attempts, while the Sailors were hitting for 12 out of 16. That six-point difference in free throws was exactly the difference in final scores: Newport 62, Torrance 56.

Still and all the Tartars looked respectable in defeat. They stayed with Newport most of the way. The quarter totals for the locals were 14, 12, 14 and 16 points. No indication of a letup anywhere along the line.

First action for both fives after the Christmas holidays will be in the Beverly Hills Tournament Jan. 24. Might have a chance to clash. The encounter would have to come in the second game of the tourney as both are in the same portion of the upper brackets.

Last year they were in the same spots, and both lost. In the first consolation match they met head-on with Torrance High taking a slightly large nod.

It would be possible for a re-match this year, providing the results of the first games are even, both winning, or both losing.

If the meeting doesn't come here, it probably won't come for the rest of the season as both clubs plunge into league play shortly after.

Nido Five In Pee wee Tournament

El Nido Park's Pee wee basketballers have started drills for competition in the annual Alondra Park Pee wee Invitational Tournament on Dec. 22, 28 and 29.

Featuring 16 teams from all over Los Angeles County, the tourney is under the joint sponsorship of the County Recreation Dept. and the Gardena Rotary Club.

First round play will be on Saturday, Dec. 22, with the first game starting at 9 a.m. All games will be played in the Alondra Park Community building.

Besides El Nido and the host team, the tournament will feature squads from Ladera Park, Sportsman Park, Artesia Park, Scott Park and Enterprise Park. Teams will also be entered from the recreation agencies in Inglewood, Redondo Beach and Long Beach.

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Tartarbabses Score Wins

The Torrance Bees ran up a 45-32 third quarter advantage over a squad of junior Sailors from Newport Beach, Friday evening on the local court, then hung on in the final period to eke out a 47-44 victory over the invaders.

The Bee Tartarbabses attack was blunted in the final frame as Ron Hase and Ron Veres fouled out. Hase to the time of his departure had tallied 20 points, to notch high honors, while Veres had been unmovable under the baskets.

Tony Bertolet pumped in nine points for the locals as the Bees were credited with a fine team win, hustling all the way.

Cees Win
The Tartar Cees also fared well, rounding up their Newport counterparts by a 37-26 count.

Jim Hester hit for 12 points, while Bill Williams and Cliff Roy shared runner-up laurels with eight digits apiece. Chuck Johnson had sparked the Cees for three periods before suffering an injury forcing him to the sidelines.

Take Compton
Earlier in the week the Tartar Bees, again led by Hase, ran over the Compton Bees by a 33-27 count. Hase bucketed 17 points while Bertolet was hitting for 10.

Torrance led in the first quarter by a 12-10 margin, but Compton came back to lead at the third quarter break by a 20-18 count.

The Cees were dropped by the Compton midgets in a weird 24-2 game.

School Teacher Clubmen Meet on Alondra Links

Torrance area schoolmasters, past and present, take to the links tomorrow in the Alondra Park Golf Course's annual Schoolmasters' Tournament according to Cecil Hollingsworth and Bill Hillenger, co-chairmen for the event.

Over 50 scholarly linksmen are expected out, during the day, to compete for top honors in golfing classic. First players are expected to tee-off at 8:30 a.m.

Winners will be determined on the basis of net score, with awards going to those carding low totals.

Warriors on Metro Team

Three of El Camino College's aquatic Warriors were named to the Metropolitan Conference's All-League Water Polo Team. The honored El Camineros are: Charles McElroy, forward; Brent Lake, back; and Wally Gillis, goalie.

Gillis and Tom Steahr, Long Beach City College back, were named as the Metro conference's co-players of the year in the water sport.

El Camino and Long Beach shared honor on the all-loop combo, Long Beach also placing three swimmers on the seven man first team.

The first team lined up as follows: Forwards, Richard Dickinson, Long Beach; Don Rohrer, Santa Monica; McElroy, El Camino. Backs: Lake, El Camino; Steahr, Long Beach; John Axton, Long Beach. Goalie, Gillis, El Camino.

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Ed Pope, lanky Sailor forward, smashed the locals' hopes in the final two quarters with a 19 point scoring splurge. Pope took high game honors with a 21 point total.

Rich Ruffell was high point for the Tartars with a 17 total, while Jerry Mathews bucketed 14 tallies. Mick Babbitt kept the locals on the pace early in the game with four field goals, to post a game total of 12 points.

Tartars in Lead
The action started with Torrance taking an early first quarter lead, but the Tars soon drew even and the totals were even through the quarter, winding up 14-14 at the buzzer.

Torrance moved into a one point lead in the first minute of the second period, as Gene Crenshaw sank a free throw, then drew out to a 23-18 advantage on field goals by Babbitt and Toby Venable. The Sailors then fought back to even the score at 24-24. A free throw by Ruffell put the Tartars one point in front in the

Saxons Dropped Twice in First Tourney Play

Two consecutive losses in the Paramount Tournament ended North High's bid for casaba honors last week as the Saxons were clobbered 32-17 by Paramount and 40-28 by Inglewood.

The double loss gives the locals a 2-5 season mark with their final pre-Christmas action slated to come off Tuesday afternoon against Long Beach Millikan on the home court.

Paramount Wins
In the tourney opener with Paramount the Saxon five were behind from the opening tip-off, trailing by a 16-3 margin at halftime. The Saxons were only able to bucket three free throws in the first two periods of play.

Ron Pettrelli was high point for the locals with a grand total of five points.

In their first, and final game, in the consolation bracket, the Saxon quintet, playing with out Pettrelli, played an even game while losing by 12 points.

Inglewood Runs
Inglewood ran up a seven point lead in the first quarter, 14-7, and increased this to nine points at the intermission, 24-13. Both attacks ambled in low gear in the third frame, the Saxons hitting for four points while Inglewood notched five. In the final canto the locals started hitting and played the winners even, both clubs bucketing 11 points.

Ron Tremaine hit for seven North High points, while Ken Simpson and Don Prather scored five each. The Saxon fourth period rally was stifled as Simpson and Bud Ritter, regular guard, fouled out.

Tuesday contest with Millikan will get underway at 3 p.m. and seems, off the records, to be a fairly even match, both squads in slow starts this season.

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NORTH HIGH ATHLETES TAKE HONORS . . . Grid stars were recipients of a variety of awards at the recent North High Annual Fall Athletic Banquet, held in the school cafeteria. Pictured above are, from left to right, Cliff Graybehl, North High varsity football coach; Harold Bledsoe, father of the late Saxon varsity captain, Alan Bledsoe, winner of the most valuable player award; Bob Walker, selected as the most inspirational Saxon griddier and winner of Al Bledsoe Memorial Trophy; Robert Walker Sr.; Jim Whitley, Saxon captain for 1957, and his father, Ernest L. Whitley.

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